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Renshaw Forest Health Improvement Project Public Open House

Newport, WA– The Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts of the Colville National Forest would like to invite interested members of the public to the Renshaw Forest Health Improvement Project open house.

The purpose of the open house will be to share information regarding the project and to collect additional public input regarding the forest health improvement activities proposed in the Renshaw Vegetation Management Project Environmental Assessment. The open house will be held at the Lone Community Center 210 Blackwell St. in Lone Washington, Thursday, September 4, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the Renshaw Forest Health Improvement Project and provide comments. The project area is located within the Lost Creek subwatershed and primary access to the area is from County Road 2625 (Hanks Butte), County Road 4699 (Rocky Creek), and State Highway 20 in Lone, Washington on the Colville National Forest. The primary purpose of this project is to improve forest health and sustainability. Specific treatments being proposed include: commercial timber harvesting, noncommercial thinning, tree planting, road construction, reconstruction, and decommissioning; restoration of ecological processes; and hazardous fuels treatment.

For more information regarding the public meeting or the Renshaw Forest Health Improvement Project and the associated Renshaw Vegetation Management Project Environmental Assessment, please contact Michelle Paduani, Team Leader, at (509) 447-7361 or by email at michellepaduani@fs.fed.us.

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